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somniferum cell suspension cultures. Peptide 1 is SEQ ID NO: 1, Peptide 2 is SEQ ID NO: 2, Peptide 2' is SEQ ID NO: 3, Peptide 3 is SEQ ID NO: 4, Peptide 3' is SEQ ID NO: 5, Peptide 4 is SEQ ID NO: 6, Peptide 5 is SEQ ID NO: 7, Peptide 6 is SEQ ID NO: 8, and Peptide 7 is SEQ ID NO: 9. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 9, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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- **Figure 3.** Partial amino acid sequence comparison of plant cytochrome P-450 reductases. The shaded areas and arrows indicate the position and direction of the regions used for PCR oligodeoxynucleotide primer design. Arabidopsis thaliana is SEQ ID NO: 20, Catharanthus roseus is SEQ ID NO: 21, Helianthus tuberosus is SEQ ID NO: 22, Vigna radiata is SEQ ID NO: 23 and Vicia sativa is SEQ ID NO: 24. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 18, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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- **Figure 5.** Comparison of the amino acid sequences of the cytochrome P-450 reductase from *P. somniferum* and from *E. californica*. Top sequence, *E. californica*, SEQ ID NO: 25; bottom sequence, *P. somniferum*, SEQ ID NO: 26; \*, amino acid identity. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 21, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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- **Figure. 6.** Nucleotide sequences of cDNA from (a) *P. somniferum*, SEQ ID NO: 10 and (b) *E. californica*, SEQ ID NO: 11. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 32, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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- **Figure 9.** Amino acid sequences of (a) *P. somniferum*, SEQ ID NO: 12 and SEQ ID NO: 13 and (b) *E. californica*, SEQ ID NO: 14 and SEQ ID NO: 15 predicted from their respective cDNA nucleotide sequences. The start and stop codons are depicted in bold.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 1, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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- **Figure 10.** cDNA nucleotide sequences and their predicted amino acid sequences, of fragments subcloned into an expression vector: (a) *P. somniferum*, SEQ ID NO: 16 and SEQ ID NO: 17 and (b) *E. californica*. Both sequences are truncated versions of sequences represented in Figures 9a and 9b, lacking the leader sequences. Extra vector sequences/restriction sites derived during subcloning are shown in lowercase and the cDNA in uppercase.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 16, line 11, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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-- Optimised PCR primers were then designed based on highly homologous sites on both the amino acid and nucleotide levels in the plant cytochrome P-450 reductase sequence comparison (Fig. 3). The precise sequence of the primers used for the first round of PCR was:

5'-CA ITI CII CCT CCT TTC CC-3' SEQ ID NO: 27 and  
T SEQ ID NO: 28

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3'-ACC TAC TTC TTA CGI CAA GG-5' . SEQ ID NO: 29  
C TGC SEQ ID NO: 30

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 17, line 4, with the following rewritten paragraph:

- Resolution of this first PCR experiment by agarose gel electrophoresis revealed a mixture of DNA products in the expected range of 400-450 bp. The bands in this size range were eluted from the gel and used as template for nested PCR with the following primers:

5'-CA ITI CII CCT CCT TTC CC-3' SEQ ID NO: 27 and  
T SEQ ID NO: 28

3'-AAA CGI CGI TAI CGI GGI GCI IGI GTT GG-5' SEQ ID NO: 31  
G C SEQ ID NO: 32